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In re Patent Application of

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For: AN EVAPORATOR, A HEAT  
ABSORBER, A THERMAL  
TRANSPORT SYSTEM AND A  
THERMAL TRANSPORT METHOD )



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Examiner: C. Atkinson

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ELECTION OF SPECIES

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

In response to the election of species requirement in the Official Action dated August 17, 2000, the applicants elect the alleged species identified in the Official Action as species "A) The species as illustrated in Figure 1".

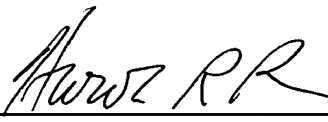
During a telephone interview with the Examiner handling this application, it was noted that FIG. 6 shows a flow chart, not a species of the invention. The Examiner agreed that FIG. 6 is not a species.

The Official Action indicated that no claim appears to be generic. Applicants submit that at least claims 1, 2, 3, 6, 7, 8, 15, 17, and 26 are generic to all of the alleged species and claims 1-3, 6-9, 15-18, and 26 are submitted to read on the alleged species of FIG. 1. Upon allowance of a generic claim, claims directed to a reasonable number of non-elected species will also ordinarily be allowable.

If the Examiner should be of the opinion that a telephone conference would be helpful in resolving any outstanding issues, the Examiner is urged to contact the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

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